

University of Montana

## ScholarWorks at University of Montana

---

University of Montana News Releases, 1928,  
1956-present

University Relations

---

6-8-2007

### UM students sweep regional Emmy award

University of Montana–Missoula. Office of University Relations

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarworks.umt.edu/newsreleases>

## Let us know how access to this document benefits you.

---

### Recommended Citation

University of Montana–Missoula. Office of University Relations, "UM students sweep regional Emmy award" (2007). *University of Montana News Releases, 1928, 1956-present*. 20408.  
<https://scholarworks.umt.edu/newsreleases/20408>

This News Article is brought to you for free and open access by the University Relations at ScholarWorks at University of Montana. It has been accepted for inclusion in University of Montana News Releases, 1928, 1956-present by an authorized administrator of ScholarWorks at University of Montana. For more information, please contact [scholarworks@mso.umt.edu](mailto:scholarworks@mso.umt.edu).



The University of  
**Montana**

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS • MISSOULA, MT 59812 • 406-243-2522 • FAX: 406-243-4520

---

## **NEWS RELEASE**

---

June 8, 2007

**Contact:** Denise Dowling, assistant professor, UM Department of Radio-Television, 406-243-4143, [denise.dowling@umontana.edu](mailto:denise.dowling@umontana.edu).

### **UM STUDENTS SWEEP REGIONAL EMMY AWARDS**

#### **MISSOULA –**

University of Montana radio-television students recently swept the competition at the Northwest Regional Emmy Awards in Seattle. UM student-produced television programs won in all three student categories, including long-form news, short-form news and entertainment.

Gabriel Ferguson, a graduate student from **Belgrade**, won the long-form category for his television program “Butte Reborn: The Mining City in the 21st Century.” The program profiled the economic past, present and future of **Butte** and aired on MontanaPBS last fall.

The short-form news winners were Amber Bushnell of **Missoula** and Ryan Coleman of **Bozeman** for their series of investigative reports on a student apartment plagued with mold. Bushnell and Coleman documented the problem, its effects on students’ health and the University’s abatement efforts. The pieces aired on KPAX-TV in Missoula.

The radio-television class of 2007 pulled in the third award, taking home the prize in the entertainment category for the program “Business: Made in Montana.” The show profiled five Montana businesses from across the state. It aired on MontanaPBS in August.

The students who worked on that program are Cortney Fawthrop of **Townsend**; Heather Hintze of **Whitefish**; Amber Bushnell of **Missoula**; Kristine Jeske of **Minneapolis** and

-more-



060707emmy--2

**Coeur d'Alene, Idaho**; Erin Yost of **Minneapolis**; David Medina of **Portland, Ore.**; Travis Morss of **Riverton, Wyo.**; Chris Zielke of **Portland, Ore.**; Ryan Coleman of **Bozeman**; Jeremy Pool of **Missoula**; K'Lynn Sloan of **Havre**; Ken Ward of **Green River, Wyo.**; Emilie Ritter of **Missoula**; and Rachael Sherman of **Fairbanks, Alaska**.

Student Emmy judge Eric Riddle of KING-TV in Seattle said, "The student Emmy entries from The University of Montana were in a class by themselves."

Student K'Lynn Sloan attended the black-tie ceremony in Seattle to accept the awards on behalf of her fellow graduates. On stage she quipped that she knew several Emmy-winning students now looking for work.

Faculty advisers Ray Ekness and Denise Dowling also attended the ceremony. Ekness chairs UM's radio-TV department and was nominated for his work on the MontanaPBS production "Backroads of Montana." Dowling serves on the board of directors for the regional Emmy organization, the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences-Northwest Region.

###

CBS  
Local, dailies, hometowns  
060707emmy